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CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL TO DEDICATE NEW BUILDING FEBRUARY 18, 19 AND 20

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ANNUAL HADASSAH DONOR DINNER TO BE HELD TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 15, CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL

The 1949 Hadassah Donor Dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, February 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the Chateau Laurier Ballroom. The Donor Dinner is the outstanding event of the local Hadassah season, and a record number are expected to attend this year. Mrs. B. M. Alexandor is the Convenor and Mrs. S. J. Ritt is Assistant Convenor.

The excellent program which has been arranged will feature Dr. Ruth Gruber of "Destination Palestine" fame as guest speaker and Miss Ruth Kobart of New York as guest artist.

Ruth Gruber, foreign correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune has just returned from Israel where she spent three months touring the country, covering the war fronts, talking to cabinet ministers, soldiers and the man in the street. In Cyprus, she was the only correspondent to watch the screening of Jewish refugees by British authorities in preparation for their departure for Israel and accompanied them to Haifa.

On her way back to America, Miss Gruber covered the opening sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris.

Her book "Destination Palestine," (reviewed in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin on December 24), a first-hand account of the story of the Haganah ship, Exodus 1947, was published recently and has been acclaimed by critics and readers everywhere. Her graphic and moving descriptions of the prison ships were quoted extensively in many publications throughout America.

Miss Gruber accompanied the UNSCOP Committee on a tour of Europe and Palestine and was the only correspondent attached to the Committee permitted to enter Cyprus.

Born in New York, Miss Gruber was acclaimed the youngest Doctor of Philosophy in the world when she took a Ph.D. summa cum laude at the age of twenty at the University of Cologne. She had previously studied and won preliminary degrees at New York University, Mount Holyoke, Harvard and the University of Wisconsin.



Dr. Ruth Gruber

She has travelled throughout the United States and Europe covering stories of significant social and economic import. After a trip to the Soviet Arctic she wrote a book entitled "I Went to the Soviet Arctic" which won her the admiration of journalists, the plaudits of explorers and the attention of official Washington.

In 1941, Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes appointed her Field Representative for the Department of the Interior and sent her to Alaska to make a study of developments in that territory.

In 1944, Miss Gruber was sent to Italy to bring to Oswego, New York, the thousand refugees whom President Roosevelt had invited to America.

Dr. Gruber is widely known and highly regarded as a lecturer.

Guest artist Ruth Kobart, soprano, a graduate of Chicago's Conservatory of Music has appeared extensively throughout the United States on concert tours and recently starred in the New York production of "Hansel and Gretel."

HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 21

Arrangements are rapidly being completed for the 25th Anniversary of the Ottawa Histadrut Campaign which will open at a banquet to be held in the ballroom of the Chateau Laurier Hotel on Monday evening, February 21.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Shinder, and with the enthusiastic co-operation of all branches of the Labour Zionist Movement in Ottawa, this year's Silver Anniversary Banquet promises to be one of the most enjoyable evenings ever to be sponsored by the local Histadrut Organization.

The guest speaker has been selected with painstaking care and it was only after "talent scouts" had actually heard him and were overwhelmed by his dynamic personality and his wealth of first-hand information that it was decided to ask him to come to Ottawa.

The Ottawa Histadrut Campaign is proud of the opportunity to present for the first time in Ottawa, Mr. Gershon Agronsky, who is one of the outstanding figures in Israel today.

Publisher of the only English language daily, the "Palestine Post," Mr. Agronsky has been its chief editor since 1932, maintaining the highest standards of journalism in the Middle East. Mr. Agronsky was a Palestinian delegate to the International Reclamation Conference at Honolulu and has gone on special missions to Aden, India and Iraq for the Zionist cause.

Mr. Agronsky has only recently arrived in America and brings a stirring, informative message direct from the battlefronts of Israel.

A program of music and song by the celebrated cantor and concert singer, Mr. Leib Glantz will round out the evening.

Tickets are available from any member of the Histadrut League, Israeli Forum, Pioneer Women's Organization or from Mr. H. Goldenberg, Chairman of the Ticket Committee, telephone 4-2554 or 4-2308.

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OUR NEEDS AT HOME

We the Jewish people have struggled feverishly to make real Herzl's dream. Thank G-d, we have lived to see the State of Israel. Without doubt, it will continue to have its problems and Canadian Jewry will be obliged to continue mobilizing support on its behalf. We are, however, painfully aware that because of the urgencies of our people in its life and death struggle, we have neglected to develop the social, religious and cultural life on the home front.

It is regrettable to note how few of our adolescents and young men and women enjoy any worthy experiences in Jewish living—find their way to the House of G-d, or are nourished by the teachings of our Torah! At the present rate of religious deterioration, our daily services will be attended entirely by those reciting "Kaddish"—while already two of our five synagogues have no regular daily minyan. Except for a shallow pride in being a Jew, far too many are uninformed and defenseless in the face of the mildest intellectual challenges. Alas, too many of us are battered about in a turbulent sea of doubt and spiritual conflict—living without a sustaining and satisfying faith in G-d and the undergirding values of an ethical and moral direction in life. We are rapidly becoming a secularized Jewry, in whom the very concepts of G-d and Torah are becoming clouded. Nor in our first blush of national recognition may we lose sight of the fact that the validity of Judaism and the Jewish people is postulated on our being an *Am Adonai*—a Godly people, and that *Mattan Torah*—the acceptance of the Torah was a prerequisite to entry into Eretz Israel.

As we strenuously desire an *Miyah* to Israel for our people still languishing in D.P. camps, so do we in our very own city require a spiritual *Aliyah*—an *Aliyah* to G-d—to Jewish ethical and spiritual values. We are desperately in need of providing facilities and personnel for programming and guiding not one but two generations of young men and women towards a self-respecting, meaningful, purposeful and gratifying Jewish life.

The calendar and machinery for raising Ottawa Jewry's commitments to the various Zionist and overseas funds are set up and we pray for their overwhelming success. Yet it is painful to note that the campaign to provide for our local religious, cultural and social needs of "Youth"—a budget considered the absolute minimum and representing only a small fraction of what is sent out of the community has fallen short of its goal.

We have failed ourselves. Every day that we sit idly by and allow this situation to go unremedied—we are guilty of moral and spiritual negligence. Important as support to Israel is (and we encourage every member of our community to maintain a high level of giving) maintaining and developing a Jewish community at home is of equal concern to us if we anticipate preserving Jewish life and values in Ottawa—if we want to cultivate a generation of self-respecting, dignified, G-d conscious and loyal Jews!

BOOK NOTES

By Deborah Lifschutz

JEWISH HOLIDAYS: DO YOU KNOW THEM? By Elise F. Moller. The Women's Press. Second Ed. 1946. New York. 25c. 31 pp.

This little booklet makes for an understanding of Jewish values and an appreciation of them. Elise F. Moller, gives us descriptions and methods of observance, with all the modern creative techniques such as drama, arts, crafts, games, etc., necessary for an understanding of the historic background as well as the modern meaning of the High Holidays, Chanukah, Purim and Passover.

This is a fine volume to be recommended to our non-Jewish friends from whom we wish to eliminate prejudice or discrimination by providing them with a knowledge of their Jewish neighbours.

I NEVER SAW AN ARAB LIKE HIM. By James Maxwell. Houghton Mifflin and Co. Boston. 1948. \$2.50. 207 pp.

Mark Dickson, Special Agent in Intelligence in the United States Army was assigned to Tripoli, Libya. In 1945, Tripoli was the land where East met West—the land connecting the two cultures. This volume is a collection of closely woven events which took place in Tripoli, and which give us an insight into the complexities of the Near East, the relationship between Jew, Arab and Englishman, and the Jewish-Arab conflict.

One of the many interesting personalities described is that of Lt. Goldstein, Assistant Provost Marshal at the A.T.C. field, whose placid and indifferent attitude toward Zionism and anti-semitism suddenly becomes changed when he is personally attacked.

PALESTINE: LAND OF ISRAEL. Introduction by Pierre van Paassen. Photo. by Herbert S. Sonnenfeld. Ziff-Davis Pub. Co. Chicago. 1948. \$5.00. 128 pp.

In his introduction to this volume of 150 photographs, Pierre van Paassen tells the story of the "miracle" that has taken place within the last thirty years in the Land of Israel. He sketches the development of Zionism from Herzl's day to the present time when Israel has become a nation, despite the misdeeds of provocateurs into whose hands ample weapons for the destruction of every Jew have been thrust. This is the introduction to the camera-eye witness of the story of a heroic people, who, after centuries of oppression and exile have come into their own—have achieved nationhood.

In addition, Pierre van Paassen has introduced each series of photographs with an explanation which is enlightening and makes a fine complement to the very excellent camera studies of life in the Kibbutz, of Jerusalem, of public Divine worship, of Haifa, Tel Aviv, of industries, of Arab neighbours—friendly to the young pioneers and of new arrivals from Cyprus to Israel.

This is a fine picture record of the birth of a nation.

IN HENRY'S BACKYARD — THE RACES OF MANKIND. By Ruth Benedict and Gene Wolfish. Henry Schuman. New York. 1948. \$2.00. 54 pp.

Ruth Benedict and Gene Wolfish, two members of the Department of Anthropology in Columbia University, have used the universal language of pictures to give us the basic truths about race, which Henry, a citizen of our world, learns in his own backyard. Henry dreams one night that the whole world was living in his backyard. When he awakes the next morning, he finds it true—his first impulse is to rush out and shake hands with his neighbours—but each man has a Green Devil which does not allow him, because each man is different.

Henry discusses the situation, and comes to the conclusion that we've only one world and we're all in it, and our duty is to all get together and contribute to the making of a better society.

This is a fine little volume which can be enjoyed by every member of the family.

RT. HON. J. L. ILSLEY, K.C.

will address a meeting of

B'NAI B'RITH OTTAWA LODGE
No. 885

THURSDAY EVENING

FEBRUARY 10TH, 8.30 P.M.
CHATEAU LAURIER HOTEL

Members, families and friends are
invited to attend.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HISTADRUT TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF OTTAWA

Dear Friends:

On the occasion of our Silver Anniversary, we of the Ottawa Histadrut once again are rallying our forces on behalf of our National Homeland. Today, the recognized State of Israel is the realization of the most cherished hopes and dreams of our people — but our job is not yet over. In fact, there is still so much to be done — so much that must be done.

We appeal to Ottawa Jewry to pledge its continued support to Israel's vanguard and enable the Histadrut to play its part in winning the war and in productivizing the thousands of refugees who are streaming to the shores of Israel.

The 25th Ottawa Histadrut Campaign will open on Monday, February 21, with a banquet to be held at the Chateau Laurier. An outstanding program has been arranged and we invite every thinking Jewish man and woman to attend one of the most enjoyable evenings ever to be sponsored by Histadrut in Ottawa.

HARRY SHINDER,
Campaign Chairman.
MORRIS SHABINSKY,
Campaign Manager.

GUEST SPEAKER



MR. GERSHON AGRONSKY, publisher of the "Palestine Post," who will be the Guest Speaker at the Histadrut Campaign Dinner February 21.

KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS

"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos

SCHEDULE

February 11	5:05 p.m.
February 18	5:16 p.m.
February 25	5:26 p.m.
March 4	5:36 p.m.
March 11	5:45 p.m.

WEEKLY PORTIONS

February 12
Torah—"Beshalach"—(Exodus 13:17-17:16)
Prophets—Judges 4:4 - 5:31.

February 19
Torah—"Yithro"—(Exodus 18:1 - 20:23)
Prophets—Isaiah 6:1 - 7:6; 9:5 - 6.

February 26
Shabbat Shekalim
Torah—"Mishpotim"—(Exodus 21:1 - 24:18; 30:11 - 16).
Prophets—II Kings 12:1 - 17.

March 5
Torah—"Terumah"—(Exodus 25:1 - 27:19)
Prophets—I Kings 5:26 - 6:13.

March 12
Shabbat Zachor
Torah—"Tezaveh"—(Exodus 27:20 - 30:10; Deut. 25:17 - 19)
Prophets—I Samuel 15:2 - 34.

JEWISH THEATRE GUILD TO HOLD OPEN MEETING FEBRUARY 28

The Workshop Group of the newly-formed Jewish Theatre Guild will hold an Open Meeting on Monday evening, February 28, at 8:30 p.m., in the Talmud Torah, 453 Rideau Street. Election of officers will be held at that time.

All who are interested in Jewish drama activities are cordially invited to be present.

CHAMISHO OSOR B'SHVAT IN THE TALMUD TORAH

The pupils of the Ottawa Talmud Torah will celebrate Chamisho Osor B'Shvat this year in the spirit of the opening of the first Jewish Parliament of the newly-born State of Israel.

At the assembly held February 6th, the meaning of Chamisho Osor B'Shvat as well as the significance of tree planting in Israel was explained to the children, and an extensive drive to plant more trees in the Canadian Forest at Kadesh Naphtali was inaugurated. Charts of trees and stamps symbolizing "Am Yisroel Chai" have been distributed to all classes and an inter-class contest has been launched.

The Students Council of the Talmud Torah composed of Rachel Schapiro, President, Sarah Zelikovitz, Secretary, Moshe Cardash, Shoshana Kert, Dov Altow, Shayne Zelikovitz and Gershon Zaichuk have been very active in decorating the classrooms and preparing an appropriate program for the Chamisho Osor B'Shvat Celebration which will take place on Monday, February 14, at 5:00 p.m., in the school auditorium.

As in the past, B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 has graciously consented to supply Chamisho Osor B'Shvat fruit for the children.

AGUDATH ACHIM SISTERHOOD NEWS

A highly informative and interesting address highlighted by musical recordings and entitled "Israel Sings" was given by Mrs. Hy Bessin at the Monthly Meeting of the Agudath Achim Sisterhood on January 26.

The Executive of the Sisterhood pledged themselves to attend Sabbath morning services and to encourage all other members to do likewise.

The meeting concluded with the singing of Hatikvah after which refreshments were served.

AGUDATH ISRAEL SISTERHOOD TO PRESENT PAGEANT

A colourful pageant of Jewish holidays and festivals with choral background will be presented by the Agudath Israel Sisterhood in the Synagogue Auditorium, 30 Rosemount Ave., on Sunday, March 6. Two performances are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.00 per person and may be obtained from Mrs. J. Caplan, 4-6554, Mrs. J. C. Horwitz, 8-7004, and Mrs. N. Loeb, 8-6216.

SCOUTMASTER BEING SOUGHT

B'nai B'rith Ottawa Lodge No. 885 is seeking the services of a Scoutmaster to assume leadership of the 39th Jewish Boy Scout Troop.

Anyone interested should contact Mr. J. H. Feiner, President, at 8-8878W.

MUSIC GROUP WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The locale of the weekly musicales held by the Music Appreciation Group has recently been changed to the Jewish Community Council House, 451 Rideau Street. Held every Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m., the musicales are creating considerable interest and have become very popular. Recorded classical music is featured in addition to discussions and musical films. Refreshments are also served.

A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all. For further information contact I. V. Steinberg, telephone 4-0339.

SYDNEY SLOVER CHAPTER A.Z.A. TO HOLD BALL MARCH 12

The members of the Sydney Slover Chapter of A.Z.A. are now busily engaged in preparations for their First Annual Ball open to the public which will be held Saturday evening, March 12, 1949, in the Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park. Herb Mason and his Orchestra will be in attendance and refreshments, door prizes and favours are included in the admission fee. Dress is optional.

Tickets are \$2.75 per couple. For reservations, call Mr. Awerbuck at 3-4246.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. Marcovitch of Bowesville Road who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended to:

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Bosloy (nee Lily Smith) who were married January 30, 1949, in the B'nai Jacob Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Josef Halperin (nee Lillian Glazer) who were married December 25, 1948, in the Agudath Achim Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hart (nee Lillian Zumar) who were married January 15, 1949, in North Hollywood, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartman (nee Frances Handelman) who were married December 19, 1948, in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lang (nee Lillian Bessin) who were married January 11, 1949, in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Lightstone (nee Rose Sofer) who were married November 7, 1948, in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Mehlman (nee Lillian Nadolny) who were married December 27, 1948, in the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Monson (nee Bryna Grosser) who were married January 9, 1949, in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Segal (nee Sylvia Gold) who were married December 26, 1948, in the Machzikei Hadath Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Solman (nee Jean Cooke) who were married December 8, 1948, in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Winestock (nee Ida Ginsberg) who were married December 29, 1948, in Montreal.

CRADLE ROLL

Baby son Steven Lawrence (Simcha Leib) born January 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arron (nee Sylvia Lewis).

Baby son David Harold born January 3 in Lawrence, L.I., N.Y., to Mr. and Mrs. Michael K. Emerson.

Baby daughter Ellen Louise (Tziviah Leah) born December 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gilbert (nee Rhoda Marks).

Baby daughter Joan Fraida (Sarah Freyde) born January 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ginsburg (nee Theadora Schatz).

Baby daughter Ruth born January 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Martin K. Levinson (nee Elizabeth Friedgut).

Baby son Lawrence Leonard (Leib Leizer) born December 18 in Los Angeles, Calif., to Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Doe) Maser (nee Gladys Lichtig).

Baby son Mark Benjamin (Binyamin Dov Mordecai) born December 11 in Washington, D.C., to Dr. and Mrs. Nathan Pelcovits (nee Jeanette Petegorsky).

Baby daughter Frances (Fayge) born January 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shier (nee Sylvia Landau).

Baby daughter Brenda (Bayla) born December 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sugarman (nee Gusta Seidler).

BAR-MITZVAH

Bernard Shinder

Congratulations are extended on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of:

Bernard, son of Mrs. N. Shinder and the late Mr. Nathan Jack Shinder, which was celebrated Saturday morning, February 5 in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Bobby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Landau, which was celebrated on Saturday morning, December 25 in the Agudath Israel Congregation.

Mayer, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Morris D. Margolis, which will be celebrated Saturday morning, February 19 in the Agudath Israel Congregation.

Robert Allan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winter, which will be celebrated Saturday morning, February 19 in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

TO REMIND YOU THAT THE**MIZRACHI WOMEN'S DONOR DINNER**

will be held

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1949

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Rosalie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Alex of Chicago, Ill., to Percy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shore.

Sonia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cooper to Julius, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hirst of Leeds, England.

Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Goren to Leon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schlesinger of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sarah, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Greenberg to Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Levine of Fredericton, N.B. Marriage to take place February 15.

Esther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kelman to Isadore, son of Mr. Benjamin Binder and the late Mrs. Binder.

Sylvia Zeld, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schwartz to Marvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schechter of New York City.

Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shaiken to Abe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shapiro.

Rebecca, daughter of Mrs. Jennie Skulsky and the late Mr. Samuel Skulsky to Zavel, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Goldberg of Poland.

SADNESS

The community mourns the recent loss of the late:

Bertha Chalefsky

Mildred Cooper

Goldie Copland

Lotte Fink

Abraham Friendly

Tillie Middleman

Tillie Pass

David Roodman

Helen Sternberg

Fanny Swedlove.

May their memory be a blessing.
May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.

SCHEDULE OF DEDICATION SERVICES**CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL — 30 ROSEMOUNT AVE.**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat.

8:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat and Installation of Rabbi Morris D. Margolis.

Guest Speaker and Installing Officer: Rabbi Elias Solomon, Past President Rabbinical Assembly of America and Rabbi of Cong. Shalom Zedek, New York

Guest Cantor: Rev. Joshua Rosenzweig, Cong. B'nai Jacob, Montreal.

Assisted by Agudath Israel Choir. Reception by Sisterhood.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 a.m. Sabbath Morning Services chanted by Cantor J. Rosenzweig.

Torah Reading: Mr. J. Gordon.

Bar-Mitzvah: Mayer Margolis.

Kiddish Luncheon in honor of the Bar-Mitzvah given by his parents Rabbi and Mrs. M. D. Margolis.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2:00 p.m. Dedication Ceremonies.

Participants: Rabbi Max Routenberg, Executive Vice-President Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, Cong. Shaar Hashomayim, Montreal; Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschutz, Rabbi Morris D. Margolis, Rabbi Boruch Kravetz, Mr. Lawrence Freiman, Mr. Hy Gould, Mr. Thomas Sachs, Mr. Saul Saslove, Mr. A. Bookman, Mr. A. H. Lieff, K.C., Mrs. N. Loeb.

Musical Program by Cantor Rosenzweig and Choir.

Agudath Israel School Choir will also render several selections.

7:00 p.m. Dedication Banquet.